

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 31

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Coach Pete Stem and the 2004 Donelson Tennessee Knights baseball team on winning the National Amateur Baseball Federation (NABF) Sophomore Division (14 & under) World Series Championship.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of the General Assembly should honor those athletic teams that bring honor to the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, with exceptional poise, exemplary determination, and great skill, the Donelson Tennessee Knights baseball team has recently climaxed an excellent season by winning the 2004 National Amateur Baseball Federation (NABF) Sophomore Division (14 & under) World Series Championship; and

WHEREAS, the NABF was established in 1914 and is the oldest continually operated national baseball organization in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Pete Stem led the Knights to an outstanding 39-16 overall record; and

WHEREAS, the Knights defeated the Southwest Thunder 3-1 to advance to the NABF championship game with three solo home runs by Tyler Carr, Bennett Smith, and Cody Midgett; and

WHEREAS, the Donelson Knights defeated the Baltimore Maryland Orioles 4-2 in the World Series Final to clench the title with a stout defense, stifling pitching from tournament MVP Cody Midgett, and a game-clenching two-run single from Josh Cotham; and

WHEREAS, Cody Midgett, Josh Cotham, and Tyler Carr were All-tournament Team selections; and

WHEREAS, the members of this talented Donelson Knights team were: Caleb Knox, Chase Sullins, Tyler Carr, Stephen Smith, Jeremy Worden, Josh Cotham, Matt Kinson, Craig Stem, Justin Davis, Reed Williams, Bennett Smith, and Cody Midgett; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee takes great pride in the spectacular accomplishments of athletic teams that represent this great State with distinction and integrity; and

WHEREAS, the Donelson Knight's athletic accomplishments are only surpassed by their integrity and good sportsmanship; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Head Coach Pete Stem and the 2004 Donelson Tennessee Knights baseball team on winning the NABF Sophomore Division World Series Championship and wish them well in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation to each person named above, with this final clause omitted from such copies.